

A NEW SPECIES OF *ORCHIDANTHA*  
(LOWIACEAE) FROM VIETNAM

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In the rich collections from Indo-China in Paris (P) I recently observed a collection of *Orchidantha* which at the first glance looked unfamiliar to me. The genus has recently been dealt with by the author (LARSEN 1961, 1972) and by HOLTUM (1970), it consists of 7 species including the species described below.

*Orchidantha vietnamica* Larsen, *sp. nov.*

*Herba foliis rosulatis. Petiolus 20-25 cm longus. Lamina 30-40 cm longa, lanceolata, ad basim versus sensim attenuata, apice acuminata, maximam latitudinem 6-7 cm supra*

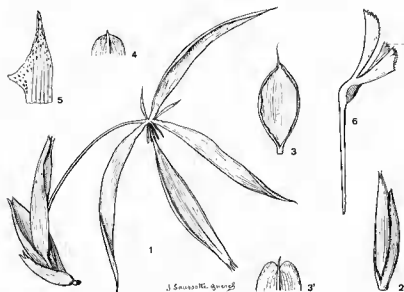


Fig. 1. — *Orchidantha vietnamica* K. Larsen : 1, flower with bracts  $\times 2/3$ ; 2, young bracts in sideview  $\times 2$ ; 3, inner surface of young bract  $\times 2$ ; 3', apex of young outer bracts (lower surface)  $\times 3$ ; 5, apex of petal  $\times 5$ ; 6, style (upper part) and stigma  $\times 4$ . (1-6, Schmid s. n., 1960.)

*medium attingens*, nervo medio valido. Inflorescentiae cincinnis composita, integra ignota. Bracteae membranaceae, exteriores 5 cm longae, circiter 1 cm latae, cymbiformes, nervo medio producto, interiores minores, apice longe aciculares. Corollae tubus 8 cm longus, 1-2 mm latus. Tepala 3 exteriora anguste lanceolata, 7 cm longa, 6-7 mm lata, 2 interiora lateraliter linearia, circiter 15 mm longa, 1-2 mm lata, acuta, sub apice quidque in dentem deltoideum productum. Labellum in typo male conservatum, circiter 7 cm longum, 1 cm latum, cymbiforme. Stamina 5 circiter 10 mm longa. Ovarium inferius minutum. Stylus 8-9 mm longus, sub apice tripartito glandula (?) instructus; rami inaequales, circiter 3-4 mm longi, stigmatibus deesse laciniatis terminati.

TYPE : 9 Nov. 1960, in silva prope oppidum Vietnamiae Meridionalis Dra Huai a M. SCHMID sine numero lectus, in Herbario Parisiensis depositus.

The type material is rather poor. Only one sheet exists; this collection consists of 2 leaves only and a single flower. The very long outer tepals, however, and the characteristic stigma clearly indicate this material as a taxon distinct from any of the earlier described species (Fig. 1).

The genus *Orechidantha* has its main distribution on the Malay Peninsula outside this area so far only 2 endemic species occur; *O. laotica* K. Larsen from Muang Baw near Wieng Chan (Kerr 21284, type in K) and *O. vietnamica*.

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